

HOLLYWOOD CAMP'S ANNUAL BANQUET.

A Large and Pleasant Gathering of Woodmen—A Notable Speech by Col. Blanding.

The installation of the officers elect and the annual banquet of Hollywood Camp, Woodmen of the World, were held last Wednesday night and the occasion was one of such genial pleasure that it deserves to be marked as a "white stone" as an epoch in the history of the order, and it will be remembered by every Woodman as the most enjoyable and notable gathering of the craft since the camp was organized.

The installation was public and the hall was filled with Woodmen and their guests when the camp was called to order at 8 o'clock. Supreme O. M. Hunt, Jr., who acted as installing officer, conducted the ceremony in accordance with the ritual, omitting, of course, the secret work, and those present who had not been regularly introduced into the forest and were permitted to behold only the outward and visible forms that cloak the secrets of the craft as the foliage of the forest cloaks the trees.

The officers-elect were:
W. B. Murray, C. O.
W. B. Dore, Adv. L.
W. A. Baitman, Banker.
W. B. Dore, Clerk.
W. B. Dore, Secretary.
W. B. Dore, Treasurer.
W. B. Dore, Master.
W. B. Dore, Scribe.

When the newly installed officers had been sworn to their stations, Consul Commodore Murray introduced Dr. J. A. Clifton, president of the order, who spoke briefly but eloquently and entertainingly of the principles underlying all fraternal orders and the wonderful and beneficent work that these orders have accomplished for mankind, as much in a practical and material as in a spiritual and social way.

W. B. Dore then concluded his address to the committee in charge of the banquet by saying that the Woodmen and their guests to repair to the banquet hall. The tables were laid in one of the store rooms on the first floor of the Masonic Temple, and it was well that so large a hall had been secured, for it was comfortably filled when all were seated. The hall was appropriately decorated with holly and pine trees and presented a handsome and inviting appearance.

The banquet was prepared and served by W. J. Andrews, and this old time caterer and master cook never in his long career did himself greater credit, nor better pleased a crowd of hungry men who can and do appreciate a table well spread with substantial and delicate. He had provided with lavish abundance and when the appetites of the hundred and more had been appeased there was more than sufficient to feed as many more.

After the feast followed the speaking. Supreme H. G. Osteen acted as toastmaster, and, after expressing the sentiments of the camp in welcoming their many guests and briefly reviewing the camp's year of prosperity, growth and harmonious work, he introduced the first speaker of the evening.

The speaker was as follows:
Hollywood Camp, Woodmen of the World: May be the best grown gold, nor be more lost in the forest. Response by Mr. O. M. Hunt, Jr.

The Public Welfare: Health is wealth, but both are transitory and fleeting. Response by Col. J. M. Knight.

The South—An honorable heritage we possess and a golden opportunity. Response by Col. James D. Blanding.

News, Hunt and Knight responded briefly and in the lighter vein, provoking their hearers to mirth and applause throughout their remarks.

Col. Blanding responded as few men could, and it was a privilege to hear him that the crowd be addressed that a gift will appreciate more and more as the years go by and they realize that men of his stamp belonged to a generation that has passed away until now only the steeple and sturdy few survive to hold aloft the clear light of day the principles and traditions that made the South great and produced the broad foundation of our country's constitution, maintained its integrity against the assaults of foes from without and established the systems of law that guaranteed and protected the rights of free men. It has never been the writer's privilege to listen to a more masterly or more comprehensive review of the salient points in the South's history, and as the story was developed by the speaker whose memory goes back to the time when history was being made by Calhoun and Haynes, and who participated prominently himself in making history in the 40's and 50's, it seemed as if a voice from the past was telling of the things that were and pointing out the landmarks of time for the guidance of the men of the present.

The conclusion was peculiarly striking, as it emphasized the important fact that the opportunity of the present is not the wealth and material prosperity that seems to be almost within the grasp of the present generation—that being rather a menace—but the real golden opportunity, the real duty of the young men of the younger South is to preserve, perpetuate and hold fast to the traditions, the principles, the noble ambitions that made the South's history honorable and her men, her statesmen, her soldiers, all patriots, who gave freely and gladly the best of their talents and their unswerving devotion to their state and country.

Special Meeting of City Council.

Pursuant to adjournment City Council held a special meeting on the night of Jan. 16, at which all members were present except Aldermen Stuckey and Delgar.

Mr. R. L. Scarborough, Supt. of the Water Co. was present to report upon the proposed extension of water mains to the Sumter Cotton Mills and to Witherpoon's Furniture Factory. His company had agreed to waive their right to a specified number of private consumers and would make the extension on condition that the city take four additional fire hydrants at \$35 each per annum, and the cotton mill people would take water for private use, to the amount of \$25 per annum.

Also that the extension to the furniture factory would be made for one fire hydrant. Mr. Fion stated that the directors of the mill had agreed to pay \$25 per annum water rent for domestic purposes, and \$35 per annum for one hydrant for two or three years.

The proposition was discussed at length, but no action was taken as council thinks that the cotton mills should be more liberal in their contribution than they had proposed. The special committee appointed to consider the request of the Tobacco Warehouse Company recommended a renewal of the lease of their building for five or ten years. All improvements to be made without expense to the city, and to revert to the city on termination of the lease. The report was adopted and the committee authorized to act in the premises.

The Fire Department building committee reported that no bids had been received for building the hose company houses, owing to the fact that specifications had not been completed in time. The committee was granted further time, and will report at the regular meeting on 24th inst.

Complaint was made of the condition of the crossing on Main Street, west side, between Bartlett and Graham Streets, and referred to Committee on Streets.

The meeting then adjourned.

Wedgefield; Items.

Wedgefield, Jan. 24—An inquest was held over the carcass of a man found in the Warren swamp near here last Saturday. Enough hair was found to show it was a white man, and his straw hat and thin summer clothing proved his death occurred in the summer.

The jury decided the cause of his death was unknown and rendered its verdict accordingly. But the only evidence they had which was two vials near some landlums in one which pointed strongly to a case of suicide. From the appearance of his clothing he must have been a well dressed man about five feet high and wore a No. 5 shoe.

Miss Mary Dell Mellett, of Sumter, is visiting in town.

Miss Theo Gregg, also of Sumter, is added to our list of visitors.

We are keeping up with other towns of our size by having a little smallpox and roseola occasionally.

Wade Hampton's Home.

To the Editor of the News and Courier:

As a contributor to the Hampton Home Fund, and a standing subscriber to your paper, I would like to know what has become of the funds and where is the home? Please answer in your paper, as it is a good medium to convey this information to numerous others besides myself.

J. Gregg McCall.
Darlington, S. C., Jan. 4, 1900.

The committee charged with the work of providing a home for General Hampton have bought a desirable building lot in Columbia and are now engaged in the erection of a house upon it, which will be well adapted to his comfort. Dr. B. W. Taylor, General Hampton's very near friend, is chairman of the committee and is giving his best efforts to the successful completion of a most worthy and deserving enterprise. There has been apparently a great deal of delay in carrying out the purposes of those who have contributed to the Hampton Fund, but we are assured that the delay could not have been avoided. It is said that about \$700 more than the committee now have in hand will be needed to carry out the plans of the committee. The intimation ought not to require any comment. We hope that the Hampton Home will soon be finished and that every possible good thing will come to the First Citizen of South Carolina this year and for many years to come.

YUKON AGRICULTURE.

Vice Consul Morrison, of Dawson City, sends a report on the results of agricultural experiments, written by a resident of that city, which reads in part as follows, says the Scientific American:

"Grain has done exceptionally well, being well filled, and I see no reason why it should not be extensively and successfully grown here.

"So far as my observations go, the climate here is as suitable for raising winter wheat as in any place in the northwestern or the northern states of America. From my experience of the last two years I see no reason why this country should not be able to produce its own vegetables and grains.

"As for flowers, the success I have had proves that all hardy annuals will do well. The coming year I intend planting several hundred hybrid roses; also summer flowering bulbs, a large variety of hardy and half-hardy annuals, and some of the hardy perennials. Small fruit, such as strawberries, currants, blackberries and raspberries should do well. Currants, raspberries, cranberries, strawberries and blueberries grow wild here."

The Forty Sixth Infantry.

Washington, Jan. 22—Gen. Otis informs the war department of recent military operations in the Philippines in the following dispatch:

Manila, Jan. 21.

Maj. Johnston, commanding battalion Forty-sixth infantry, Wheaton's brigade, reports from Lemery, 18 h and 20 h instant, drove enemy through Balaing eastward, morning 18h, capturing 17 rifles, one field piece. Few hours later through Calaca capturing four prisoners, four horses and equipments. Advanced toward Lemery that afternoon, captured enemy's outpost, three men, six horses. Advanced on Lemery at 5 o'clock p. m. enemy strongly entrenched; sent by navy gunboat for assistance when three companies Mur's battalion, thirty-eight sent to Taal, insurgent headquarters. Johnston drove enemy through Lemery to Taal, where he attacked southern portion of city and Muir northern portion. Enemy dispersed, retreating in many directions; Johnston's casualties one man killed, one seriously and two slightly wounded; four field pieces and quantity rifle captured. This movement of Johnston's ably conducted and important in results.

Enemy repelled in large force and heavily entrenched at and near Santa Cruz Laguna de Bay. Schwan swinging his troops on that point. His left is at town of Bay, few miles east Calaba and his right consisting of cavalry, at city of Tayabasagotia.

Popular stories for boys and girls, Henry series, and many others at H. G. Osteen & Co's.

The Graydon Liquor Bill.

Columbia, Jan. 19—The dispensary bill introduced by Senator Graydon proposes some radical changes in the law, and it is said to have the endorsement of those who believe with the Governor as to the best way of handling the question.

The bill is now on the Calendar of the Senate, it being the first one of the kind to get there this season. Other dispensary proposed legislation is still in the hands of the committee.

SYNOPSIS OF THE BILL.

Following is a full synopsis of the Graydon bill:

Section 2 of the Act is amended as follows: The State commissioner shall be elected by the General Assembly, who shall hold his office for two years. He shall have entire charge of the administration of the dispensary law, who shall receive a salary of \$3,000 per annum. He shall give bond in the sum of \$75,000 in three surety companies, the bonds to be \$25,000 each. The commissioner shall, with the advice and consent of the State board of control, appoint all necessary employees to run the State dispensary, including a bookkeeper, shipping clerk and all necessary laborers, none of whom shall be connected with the commissioner by blood or marriage in any degree, nor to the members of the State board of control.

HE SHALL PURCHASE ALL LIQUORS.

He shall purchase all liquors, and shall not receive or permit any one to furnish him with any samples of liquor, nor shall he sell or give away any liquor from the State dispensary.

The Governor shall have the right at any time to suspend the commissioner for any cause he shall consider sufficient until the next meeting of the General Assembly and appoint some one to fill the office during such suspension. He shall make a report to the General Assembly stating his reasons for such removal, which, if approved by the General Assembly, shall operate as removal and a successor shall be elected. All liquors must be analyzed by the State chemist as at present.

WEEKLY REPORTS FROM COUNTIES.

County dispensers must remit to the State Treasurer all moneys accruing to the State once a week and the treasurer must keep a separate account of such fund, and the commissioner, with the approval of the State board shall draw upon the fund to pay expenses of conducting the business.

All rules for governing the commissioner and county dispensers shall be made by the board of control. The usual official certificate on package shipped to dispensers is continued.

THE BOARD OF CONTROL.

The board of control is to consist of the Comptroller General, the Secretary of State and State Superintendent of Education. They shall approve warrants issued by the commissioner, and order the kind and quantity of liquor to be purchased by the commissioner. On the first Mondays in March, June, September and December the commissioner shall be required to furnish to the board an itemized statement of the kinds of liquor required for the next three months, which statements shall be published twice a week in some daily paper published in Columbia, and inviting sealed bids, the bids to be filed with the Secretary of State and the advertisement shall state at what time bids will be opened and on the day and hour they shall be publicly opened in the office of Secretary of State and the contract shall be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder and the commissioner shall buy from persons to whom the contract is awarded.

SHALL MEET MONTHLY.

The State board shall meet once a month and shall be paid \$100 each year upon warrants of the commissioner, drawn on the State Treasurer. Persons awarded contracts shall be required to give a good and sufficient bond to furnish liquors when ordered. Liquors may be ordered by the commissioner within three months, covered by the bids of persons awarded the contract.

APPOINTMENT OF COUNTY DISPENSERS.

The governor shall appoint county dispensers upon the recommendation of the legislative delegation from each county in which dispensaries are located. Such assistants as necessary and dispensers and assistants shall serve for two years, unless removed by the governor for cause. Applications for positions of county dispenser shall be by petition, signed and sworn to by the applicant, and filed with a member of the delegation, and shall state petitioner's residence and business, and what business he has been engaged in two years previously, and has never been adjudged guilty of violating the law as to intoxicating liquors, nor the keeper of a restaurant or public place of amusement, and is not addicted to the use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage. A bond must be given in the sum of \$3,000. The bond to be for use of State and county, or persons

who may be damaged by reason of the violation of the law on the part of the dispenser. In case conditions are violated principal and sureties shall be jointly and severally liable for all civil damages, costs and judgment which may be obtained against the principal by wife, child, parent, guardian, employer or other persons. All other money arising from breaches of the bond shall be distributed as other dispensary funds are.

HOW TO GET A DISPENSARY.

When a locality is designated by the legislative delegation for the establishment of a dispensary, twenty days notice shall be given, and it shall be competent for a majority of the voters of such township, by signing a petition addressed to the delegation, requesting that the dispensary be not established.

BEAUFORT AND HORRY EXCEPTED.

The legislative delegation may establish dispensaries elsewhere than in incorporated towns in the counties of Beaufort and Horry and no others, except as authorized by the legislature. Where the sale was prohibited in any town prior to July 1, 1893, dispensaries may be established if a majority of the qualified voters so vote in a special election, to be ordered by the county supervisor or town or city council, on petition of one-fourth of the qualified voters.

SPECIAL DISPENSATIONS.

Dispensaries may be established in Williamsburg, Pickens and Marion and in Seconee and other incorporated towns in Oconee without such election or compliance with other requirements of this act. There shall be no prohibition of the shipment of liquor from a dispensary to a non-dispensary county under proper certificates or labels.

The supervisor shall preserve, as a part of his record, all bonds, petitions and papers pertaining to the appointment of dispensers. He shall designate and provide the place for the sale of liquors. All profits, after paying all expenses, shall be paid one-half to the municipal corporation and one-half to the county treasurer. They shall be paid by the State Treasurer quarterly.

WEEKLY REMITTANCES.

Moneys received by county treasurers shall be remitted every Monday to the State Treasurer. The quarterly payments are to be made on first Mondays in August, November, January and April. In counties where dispensaries are established outside of incorporated towns all the profits go to the county.

If any dispenser procures any liquor from other persons than the commissioner or shall sell other liquors, or shall adulterate any liquor, or shall change the label, he shall be fined \$200 or imprisoned for not less than six months. Misappropriation of funds is punishable as a breach of trust with fraudulent intent.

HOW DRUGGISTS MAY SELL.

Druggists and proprietary medicine dealers may purchase intoxicating liquors (not including malt) for the purpose of compounding medicines, tinctures and extracts which cannot be used as a beverage. Dispensers shall not charge druggists more than 10 per cent profit. Such purchaser must keep a record of the disposition of his purchases and must file sworn reports quarterly with the auditor and State board of control as to their disposition. If any druggist is convicted of selling liquor in violation of the Act the clerk of Court shall, within ten days after such judgment, transmit to the board of pharmaceutical examiners a certified record thereof, upon the receipt of which the board shall strike the name of the druggist from the list of pharmacists and revoke his license.

The commissioner and board shall take charge April 1, 1900.

Volunteers Ambushed by Insurgents.

Washington, Jan. 20—The first untoward happening in the highly successful campaign now going on in Luzon is announced in the following cablegram from Gen. Otis:

Manila, Jan. 20.

Pack train 20 ponies, transporting rations between Santa Tomas and San Pablo, Taguana province, escorted by 50 men, under Lieut. Ralston. Thirty-fourth infantry, ambushed yesterday; two men killed; five wounded, nine missing; pack train lost; lieutenant and 24 men returned to Santa Tomas with killed and wounded; affair being investigated.

Dors, Forty-ninth infantry, struck insurgents in Bantanga mountains, who prepared ambush to meet him; he killed 8, wounded 3, captured 17, 1 Spanish, 6 rifles; his casualties 2 men slightly wounded.

Atlanta, Ga., Jan. 20—Edward C. Flanagan, the triple murderer, led 8 desperate prisoners today in an attempt to escape from jail at Decatur, five miles from Atlanta. Flanagan felled the jailer to the floor with a blow from a heavy piece of iron, but the injured man was game, and drawing his pistol fired into the gang of prisoners. Flanagan was shot through the thigh and fell. The other prisoners, cowed by the fate of their leader, hesitated. The shots attracted the attention of the jailer's family and all were locked up. Flanagan's wound is not dangerous.

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SOUTHERN RAILWAY.

Condensed Schedule in Effect Jan. 17, 1900.

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No. 11	No. 3	EASTERN TIME.		No. 6	No. 13	
Daily	Daily			Daily	Daily	
5 20p	7 00a	Lv.	Charleston	Ar	11 00a	8 15p
5 58p	7 41a	.....	Summersville	.....	10 30a	7 28p
7 25p	8 55a	.....	Branchville	.....	9 10a	6 00p
7 58p	9 25a	.....	Orangeburg	.....	8 41a	5 38p
8 45p	10 15a	.....	Kingville	.....	7 55a	4 45p
.....	11 45a	Ar	Sumter	.....	.....	2 00p
.....	11 43a	.....	Camden	Lv	.....	3 00p
9 30p	11 00a	Ar	Columbia	Lv	7 10a	4 00p
5 20p	7 00a	Lv.	Charleston	Ar	11 00a	8 15p
5 25p	9 15a	.....	Branchville	.....	8 50a	6 00p
7 40p	9 40a	.....	Bamberg	.....	8 27a	5 38p
7 50p	10 10a	.....	Denmark	.....	8 13a	6 00p
8 20p	10 07a	.....	Bisbeeville	.....	8 00a	5 35p
9 25p	11 00a	.....	Aiken	.....	7 03a	3 55p
10 20p	11 51a	Ar	Augusta	.....	6 20a	3 10p